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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously with the request for national stage entry under 35 USC 371.

Claims 1-12 are pending herein.

The claims are amended in order to conform to U.S. practice regarding multiple dependencies and proper idiomatic English. No new matter has been added. The undersigned attorney intends to file a second Preliminary Amendment in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, in which the specification, abstract and drawings will be amended to conform to proper idiomatic English.

Applicant submits Claims 1-12 are in condition for examination, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

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